

Darien Sportsplex Spring Hockey Rules

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Players Equipment:

- All players must follow USA Hockey and AHAI guidelines for required equipment.
- Make sure to bring an alternate jersey in case of color conflict; home team changes during a color conflict.

Coaches/Team Captains:

- A max of three (3) coaches allowed on the bench, no exceptions.
- Coaches are responsible for the actions of both players and fans of their team. Penalties can be assessed for player(s)/fan(s) actions.
- Protests and/or complaints can be addressed to the program supervisor **by the coaches only!** Protests must be submitted to the program supervisor in writing.
- **Reschedules will only be granted if a mistake was made by DSX on the schedule, no exceptions!**

Rosters:

- A max of 20 players can be rostered on a team.
- All players must have rosters certified by AHAI, all certified rosters are frozen.
- 7 up 7 down rule applies to organizations with more than (2) two teams
- All teams must also turn in the Darien Sportsplex roster with parent signature

Referees:

- A referee will be provided by DSX for sanctioned games. Scrimmages and practices are not sanctioned and therefore no referee will be provided unless prior arrangements have been made.
- **All referees' decisions are final!** Any questions or concerns regarding the referee and/or rules can be directed to the program supervisor, **by coaches only.**

Score Sheets:

- Score Sheets will be available to be picked up at the front desk after your game. Team managers are responsible for picking these sheets up after their game.

Gameplay/ Regulations

Duration:

- Games consist of (3) 15 minute stop clock periods.
- If a team leads by 5 goals or more at any point in the 3rd period the game becomes a run time game until the deficit is reduced to 4 goals in which the game would resume as stop time.
- A game would also go to an immediate run time status if a combined 15 penalties are amassed between the two teams, regardless of what the score is.

Method of Scoring:

- A goal shall be scored when the puck has completely crossed the goal line between the posts and under the cross bar.
- Up to a maximum of (2) two assists shall be awarded to those player(s) who had possession of the puck prior to the goal being scored.
- **The decision of the referee is final!**

Forfeits, Suspensions and Protested Games:

- Each team must have a minimum of 6 players; if a team does not meet this minimum requirement they will forfeit that game.
- If a team plays an illegal player, someone not rostered to their team; that will result in a loss of that game.
- If a team plays a suspended player, someone who has a suspension from that team/league or another team in a different division in a Darien Sportsplex league; will result in a loss of that game. The suspended player will receive an additional game suspension and the coach will receive a one game suspension as well.
- Referees discretion; if a referee(s) feels that a game is “out of control,” he can stop the game.

Ties:

- There will be no overtime play in this league. All games will end in a tie
- Each team will be awarded 1 point in a result of a tied game
- Tie breakers for the standings are as followed: (1) Wins (2) Head to Head (3) Goals Against (4) Goals For (5) Flip a Coin

Penalties:

- Any player who receives (3) three stick penalties in one game will receive an Officials Misconduct. (See Below)
- Officials Misconduct suspends a player for the remainder of said game.
- A Game Misconduct suspends a player from that game, plus (1) one additional game.

Fighting:

- A fighting major will result in an expulsion from the remainder of the game that the infraction happened, plus a (3) three game suspension, and will have a set date when the suspended player can return. A second fighting offense will result in a suspension for the remainder of that session and possibly longer; Darien Sportsplex reserves the right to assess these situations individually.
- Any player or coach who leaves the bench area, whether to get involved with the fight or to help break it up, will be thrown out of the league, **No Exceptions.**
- If the benches are cleared during an altercation, those teams will be expelled from the league and after facility review with officials and of video, a possible facility ban; **No Exceptions.**
- **Any player/coach who threatens or strikes an official or Sportsplex employee will be banned from the Darien Sportsplex for life, No Exceptions.**